THE Unnatural Son,

Or, a Sad and Deplorable RELATION,

Of the Unfortunate End of

H. Jackſon,

At *Horſham* near *Suſſex* who having ſpent the Eſtate his Father left him, in Drunkennels and Whoreing, Murthered his own Mother, and Robb'd the Houſe.

Alſo

How he was Apprehended, and his Confeſſion at his Tryal: His Penirent Behaviour at the place of Execution: His Prayer, and the Miniſters alſo: His Dying Words; and how he was Hang'd in Chains at *Horſham* on *Friday* the 11*th.* of *Auguſt* 1700. where the Ravens pickt out his Eyes; to the Wonder of *ſeveral Spectators.*

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A Sad and Deplorable

Relation, &c.

NEar Horſham lived one Mr. Jackinſon, *a Gentleman of ſome conſiderable Eſtate, who with his Wife lived very comfortably, being very Godly, Juſt and honeſt People, when ſeveral Years after their Marriage, they had a Son whom they tenderly brought up, and were mighty fond of; in his younger Days, he was of a prompt Wit, and took his Learning ſo well, that they, when he was about the Age of* Sixteen, *ſent him to the Univerſity at* Oxford, *where he profited much in learning till the Death of his Father, when his Mothers over Fondneſs recalled him home, where he got acquainted with Lewd Company, and grew very Extravagant, which was a very great Grief of Heart to her; but more when he came of Age, and got Poſſeſſion of the Eſtate his Father left*

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him, falling out into all manner of Debaucheries, to such a degree of Excess, that Swearing, Cursing Drunkenness, and the Abominable Sin of Whoredom became Familiar to to him; wasting his Estate in Extravagancy and Riot, till at last it came to a low Ebb; and what with Mortgaging, Wagering, and Gaming, all was out of his Hands, and Necessity began to pinch him; though his dear Mother to break off such Lewd Courses, that would bring him to Beggery and want, as she said; and at last, without God's great Mercy to an untimely End; praying him to take care of his Precious Soul and Body, entreating him to lay aside his Wretched and Lewd Courses, then as far as she was able, she would supply him.

But he only answered her with Scorns and Reproaches, saying, He was now of Age, and knew what to do without the Advice and Counsel of a silly doating old Woman; which made her hold her Hand from supplying his Extravagancies.

One Night late, he came knocking at the Door, when she rising out of Bed, to see who it was; he in a submissive manner, told her it was her Prodigal return'd, who now had a true sense of his errors and failings; and was heartily sorry for the Wicked Courses he had taken; but most of

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ask for offending her, in despising her good Advice, and if now at last she would receive him, he would be a very obedient Son.

The good Woman believing all he said, came down, overjoy'd to let him in, when this ungracious Wretch entring, shut the Door, knocked her down, and with his Knife pitiless and remorseless cut her Throat, and having Robbed the House departed; but the Murder being discovered, he was taken by Hue-and-Cry, with some of the Goods about him, and confessing the Murder and Robbery, was sent to Goal.

Being brought to Tryal, he wept bitterly, and said in open Court, I am verily Guilty of the Murder, to my dear aged Mother, and methinks I hear her Groans and Cries always sounding in my Ears; and so acknowledging the Fact, was found Guilty, and Sentenced to be first Hang'd till Dead, and then Ordered to be Hang'd in Chains, as a terrible Example to all disobedient and ungracious Wretches.

And so being returned to Goal, in Five Days after, he was brought to the Place of Execution, where he Wept bitterly, and said to the Spectators, Let all Young Men and Wo-

men be Warned by me, and take Care you be not Disobedient to your Parents nor abuse that Knowledge and Learning, God and their Care has bestowed upon you, turning it to a bad and Wicked End, as I have done, to my utter confusion. Then he thus Prayed.

HIS

PRAYER.

O Lord, Eternal, Everlasting, and Almighty, I beseech thee, in the Bowels of thy tender Compassion, to have Mercy upon me the vilest of Sinners, and in this my great Extremity, to comfort my Drooping Soul, Pardon my Disobedience, and deliver my Soul from Blood Guiltiness; wash it in the Blood of my Redeemer, and in this my last Hour, suffer no Pains of Death to fall from thee, but Pardon all my Sins through the Merits and Meditation of Jesus Christ, my ever blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Then the Minister prayed with him in the following manner.

THE

The *Miniſters*

PRAYER.

O Lord, who art our Refuge in time of Trouble, we Beſeech thee to look down upon this thy Poor and unworthy Servant, proſtrating his Soul and Body before thee; O Write not bitter things againſt him, nor make him to poſſeſs his former Iniquities, but make him to hear of Joy and Gladneſs, that the Bones which thou haſt broken may rejoice, and when he paſſes out of this World, receive him in thy Everlaſting Arms, for the Sake and Merits of our Bleſſed Saviour Jeſus Chriſt. Amen.

After this, as he was turned off, he ſaid, Lord Jeſus receive my Spirit. And being Dead, he was Cut down and hung up in Chains, as a ſad Warning to all diſobedient Children.

But

But that which adds the greater Wonder to this Terrible and Dreadful Example of Divine Vengeance againſt a Diſobedient Son. No ſooner was the Sherriffs Men gone from the Place and left his Body Hanging in Chains, but the very Ravens of the Field, and other Fowls of Prey, came in great Numbers, and not only Tore his Fleſh from his Bones, but pickt out his very Eyes, to the great Wonder and Aſtoniſhment of ſeveral Spectators, who were Eye Witneſſes thereof, which makes good the ſaying of *Solomon.*

Proverbs 30 17.

The Eye that mocketh his Father, and diſpiſeth to obey his Mother, the Ravens of the Valley ſhall pick it out, and the Young Eagles ſhall Eat it.

Thus we ſee the Diſmal Effects and Conſequences that attend wilfull and Diſobedient Wretches; for as ſoon as he began to forſake the good Councel, and wholſom advice of his Parents, the Devil allured him to all manner of Wickedneſs, and at laſt hardened his Heart to that Degree, as to Stain his Barbarous Hands in the Blood of his tender and Loving Mother, who always tendered his Welfare Equal with her own; therefore

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let this his Cruel and untimely diſaſter be a Warning to all Diſobedient and Bloody Minded Children whatſoever.

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